

SUE HAMILTON. INST OF ARCHAEOLOGY

31-34 GORDON SQ, LONDON WC1H0FJ

1
Sunday June 2nd 96

Chris arrived at c. 9.30 at Hayheath in an x
registration Ford Fiesta which took interior mud
entrusted design to a work of art level. Boxes & food
tool boxes etc were dually loaded somewhat randomly
with it all settling down into the least mobile locations
as our journey progressed. We stopped just past
Salisbury (next to a ridge with chalk cut military
buddies) c. 1pm for a lunch break... 56 miles per
seemed to be the maximal speed to ^{BOTH} accommodate
'car vibration' and the lack of engine power.
By c. 3pm Dartmoor and shifting perspectives
of showery sun and dappled sun filled
light were stringing across the sky line.
As we skirted around Dartmoor the Moor, Downs
& Top of E Bodmin Moor stretch across the
skyline. We the light behind them they
appeared magnetic. Such distant-perspect
must potentially have engaged past-
communities to be drawn out of their world
creating a mythology of 'the world'
or physical investigation of them

We arrive at the camp site rather late (c. 7pm),
 found no one, and made our way to our
 meet point at the N Base of Buttern Hill / Bray Down.
 Travelling across the airfield to this point the
 Moor seemed open + sterile until the profiles
 of Brown Willy + Rough Tor appear - Brown
 Willy rid on and far less striking (as always)
 from the craters, and complexities of Rough Tor.
 Eventually, via sunken lanes we hit the
 base of Buttern Hill - beyond as we know
 but could not see was the hidden world of
 Leskernick... from this approach there was no
 gradual acclimatisation to the Moor. Buttern
 Hill was a dramatic barrier - it gave the
 impression that a secret world lay beyond - - -
 We must try multiple ways of approaching
 Leskernick - each one is so different in
 its sequentially revealed vistas - - -
 now paralleling for me the same fascination
 of changing views that the structural format
 of Rough Tor creates. Met B+C+M at the
 base of Buttern Hill - reallocated
 to our new 4-wheel drive meet point at

the base of Trewint Downs. Julie Doughton
 arrived soon after with the 4-wheel drive,
 with Keith Goodyear driving - Dan &
 spaniel-sheep dog were there too.
 Keith Goodyear was bright eyed and
 kind, Julie looked like the sort
 of person who would understand what
 we were doing. They both obviously loved
 the moor. They helped us load up
 our heavy gear + we drove onto the moor
 with Chris G. sitting on the bonnet of
 the landrover + the rest of us crammed in
 the front or back or walking behind -
 The light was marvellous - lowering sun light
 with all of the features showing up on
 the moor + casting long shadows - turf
 stack enclosures, field boundaries, ancient
 rounded track ways - a Rough Tor peak
 eventually coming into view + finding
 the barrow at the end of the row where
 we deposited our stuff according to
 our 'ancient' tradition of last year.
 We covered it with white tarpaulin -
 Visual pollution providing us with our

Orientating landmark for walking up
to the store each morning - During the
journey up Keith told me about how
the farmers moved slate across the moor
taking bracken from the moor down to
the slate quarries (for packing the slate
in) + returning across the moor with
small quantities of slate as their 'payment'.

The evening meal was in Barbara's Pennine
caravan - Chris, me + Pennie,
Chris, Mike Ash, Marilyn - lovely
pasta + tuna + salad + a banana
dish - all with social potential to be
ambient when - I really can't remember
how we got onto the subjects site/project
hierarchies + our ideas about the
symbolic relationship of the Leskernick
community with the stones of the hill.
Mike intensely responded to both concepts
his functionalist approach to the use
of the stones left us (M+B+C) immediately
stunned but it degenerated into the
usual statements that we had no proof

3
of our view without excavation - as if
excavation ever answers anything ideological!
His intensity that I was in the end 'boss'
also left me stunned. No doubt I was
naïve to presume that it was self-evident that
I wanted to discuss the process of excavation
+ that I did not consider my ideas/visions to
be in anyway pre-eminent against theirs.
Ash + Chris sat silent - a block of three
sitting on the caravan sofa looking down at
me on the floor... I explain that the site
manual had been written by Helen... perhaps
we were under her hierarchy in mine.

Monday June 3rd
Visit Imbrite caravan + discover that
a caravan diary is in progress... feel
more optimistic that something different
might be happening after all -
must keep communicating.
The weather does not look too good
Travel to site with Chris, me asking
anxiously about Mike... Chris reassures
me that it is not personal...
Arrive at base of Terwint Hill: Mike + Ash

Too - Mike seems fine

We slowly walked up to the carrying the heavy tool boxes... my lungs still hurt!

Arrived c. 10.15... met Helen Hophie on the barrow - Helen complete with rucksack having just come over from Duffmoor. Mike & Ash Helen + I went down to the terminal area - discussed layout of grid + positioning of trench.

Much confusion involved - probably mine...

too many of us discussing it! leave Helen

& Ash setting up the grid and went up to the South and West Settlements to look at the two houses which we have chosen to excavate.

House 39 looked large + complicated and we finally decided on a 'criss-cross' quadrant method. House 23 with its triangular backstone was impressive and manageable with an apparently stone-free surface. Mike likes Hut 23... maybe we

have signs of structure bonding here?

The weather got worse + worse through all of this - now continuous windsweeper rain. We had lunch at the camp tent...

sheltering under a small piece of

plastic sheeting, which Ash provided. After lunch we graded out the huts.

huts 23 + 34, finished the stone row and set up the corner posts of the stone row fence.

Bad weather finally drove us off the site c. 6pm. The journey of the hill was filled with the bleak mysteries of 'white rain'.

Back at the camp site Pippa, Andrew, Gill, Anna, Matt and Crystal have arrived - all worried about the weather. Helen has

decided not to set up her tent + to share with Marilyn. ^{made dinner 1-Chris + Barbara return + eat with me} Had a talk in the excavation ^{tho new} canvas ^{arrived 10 mins into our canvas - discuss Keith + Ann. Go over to} about excavation + alternative harnesses.

Mike concluded that all the patterning of the Leskernick Settlement + stone row area is pre-existing + layed out with the boulder stream which follows the Buttern Hill/Bry down route in from the to the site.

We also held a discussion about excavation hours. I felt ill at ease to be discussing the possibility of a regimented timetable... but soon realised the 'luxury' of my view. Digging is a tiring, physical process which needs to be paced to a known timetable... they were

treating it like a job - and yes they were
right that more would be Physically achieved
by such a pattern. Returned to the Acorn/Don/
Tilley caravan - and drank whiskey + talk
to C. 4pm. Discuss the plan for a
a fragmented project with the ~~Don~~ caravan and
working to an isolated different philosophy
to the Settlement Survey + B+CT. I feel
frictional between the two - Chris admits
that he has been angry for most of the day that
I did not consult him on the location of
the stone row trench (surely we had discussed
so often in London that we were all agreed
anyway?) He admits that it is placed exactly
where he wants it anyway!

Tues June 3rd

Leave camp site at 6.30pm with CG after 2hrs sleep
CT is still out for the count and I asked
Barbara to wake him up in due course. We
went to Hodgey in Rodmin. I bought more fence
posts + chicken wire. Walking up to site via
the base of Buttern Hill. Down we follow
Mike's boulder stream narrative - fantastic
stones line the route, whale stones (smooth)
in particular - all of the structure of Leskernick
in a stream. Arrived to find Barbara
Christ + the students clustered in a hut
listening to the story of Leskernick. *Returned
down to the stone terminal area - I
discussed the location of the excavation trench
& the nature of the stone row location / referencing
[* Chris & on route notes the boulder stream
via Henry's graveyard of triangular stones - says
it is a birthing place of triangular stones with
big + small ones. When the latter idea is
reported to Barbara - I say it - she promptly
replied Chris G won't be happy with that
'idea' of the stones]

After talking about the terminal area - excavation - discuss the debriefing sequence (I shaped to allow rolling of the stones) with Aelen in CT's presence - keeping him informed! Return to the car with Ash/CG to collect the fence posts + chicken wire netting - meeting a killed man with Irish wolf-hound + set of bag pipes. He is the army warden for Goomin.

Lunch by a babbling stream. Return to site with gear - enormously heavy - get trained to balance the wooden posts on one shoulder + the chicken wire on the other - eventually much better once the technique is mastered. Once back discuss

What is happening at the terminal trench with H. H gives a talk to those coming down from the Settlement survey. The trench is half extended into a mound like area which looks

disturbed around the burial area of the stone. I think that it is a spoil heap from relatively recent digging around the stone. CT imagines two little burrows enclosing either side of the stone. Pippa has identified what appears to be a pip line with a shovelled base.

I go to look at the settlement site on return.

6
a group are gathered around the tool kit discussing "hours" of work. Helen has obviously introduced that the digging team would like a 9.00 - 6.00pm timetable. Chris + Barbara talk about flexibility - come off site when you want altitude. I defend the digging team's view but say that everyone else can do what they want to on returning to the settlement. I have the gun with Penni + B in their caravan. Marilyn + Chris are their too - I work out accounts with them - Chris + B have already overspent their budgets - after no giving their maximum expenditure brief - just typical. I shall have to work out how to accommodate some of it - it is all so time consuming - left with a pile of bills. Have some of my shoe gun with CT - talk to 1 pm - He asks why I have so many male supervisors - asks if I get on better with men than women - I do point out I suppose I am of H + that I like her - but that I was unable to find the females. It amuses me that he thinks that I get on with males better - evidence the frowning mike!!

Wed June 4th *

Went again w CG to the builder and purchase some more chicken wire for the terminal trench. When we arrive on site it is evident that the moor cattle have pushed through/over our fencing & have trampled over the bottom of the trench. The wire is sorted out and barrier tape tied at regular intervals.

* Talk about working hours again with CG in the car - asked why he doesn't just work flexi-time on site - stopping digging when he's tired. He says that he would stop almost immediately on that basis. Digging makes you permanently tired & you just have to face yourself to survive. He takes two days holiday at the end of each project to recover.

I go up to the settlement with CG & suggest to B & CT that we discuss Mike's v. professional plan of H23 versus

7

/alongside with their elevation sketches. This is agreed & we walk over to H23. I ask Mike about the merits of his professional plan versus the sketching method. He appears somewhat evasive and the words do not flow. He says that they are just different & that he does not see how the sketches can be interpreted especially where a slope difference. He emphasizes stones - how is this shown in the roll out sketch elevation. B is v impatient and pretends that the door frame is a conspicuous stone twelves up/down changing its position on the house slope & saying that it does not look any different! I dive in to rescue the conversation saying that Mike's drawing uses standard rules - if questions are generated the drawing will provide info within the rules. The rules must be made clear w B's drawing, so that others can use them - ask questions create alternative narratives - they might gain from annotation. I feel that B does not understand what I am saying & becomes defensive whereas I am merely

interested in, and investigating how
their method is learned as an alternative
narrative that is intelligible. Talk
with Wayne afterwards who has good
ideas about graphics as well as a good
awareness of the issues involved.

We photograph Hut 23 - using a
wheelbarrow for elevation - which H
pushes up.

After lunch start levelling. A new TBM
is needed since over done with the TBM
on it will be removed from the trench soon.
The dump is super glued to its tripod -
this causes much concern - but with Pennis
help we finally sort out how to use it.

Meanwhile CB + I talk about H's trench
features - Pippa has found a square off
cut - at least two layers in the S
"mound" - how it abuts / overlaps
with the N mound is not resolved.

Mike + CG overcall for wrapping ^{into} it
removing it quickly - + just taking a section
through it to get on to something
interesting. I say that this sounds like

(and vice versa). 6-11pm the lights go out in the excavator
a CT approach - B says yes but coming
in from very different samples. 8
is much more careful to a luxury unique
to a research excavation + wants to
properly excavate everything.

Mike returns, emphasizing that
Hut 34 which he is now planning will take
much longer than expected.

Return to Juliet's well via supermarket
where I look for a battery and CG buys his fix
of junk food. Return to caravan - CT goes
out for dinner + I make my own* time
passes. Went up to the bar to make a telephone
call + find Helen, Marilyn, Anna, Wayne + Jill
drinking outside. I stayed with them +
we drift into talking about group dynamics.
Wayne talks about 'grenades' - he is referring
particularly to the H23 'frica'....

Wayne talks about the mixture between calm
(for him but planning) and sudden intense
"argument" ... says that he senses a
history / agenda to this which has
a entrenchment beyond the ^(before) moment that the
discussion emerges in front of the students.

* Set up ~~two~~ whiskey test for Mike - we now have a bet that he can't tell
Green Bushmills (his bottle) from Black Bushmills (my bottle). If he wins he gives my bottle

points out that it is quite draining (I agree) but sees it as profitable and important. Wayne also talks about the tiring walk to site + the length of time working before breaks. I get a sense that more than the excavation team would like 'parameters' to pace themselves on tiring days.

Return to the caravan c. 11:30 pm + work for c. 1 hour sorting out the excavation files. Where is CT? ... I suddenly ~~then~~ realise that I have been away a long time. c. 1 pm just as I am going to bed he crashes through the caravan door (the caravan in fact rattles with minimum effort). Soon he is telling me that he was irritated with me for ~~20~~ 20 mins today (v. exact) and that I wasn't to upset B who was 'a wonderful person + the mother of the project'. I feel really misunderstood / misrepresented but know that I have misjudged unspoken parameters.

THURS JUNE 4TH

9

After another late night (bed c. 2pm) got up at 7:00. Chris T was up as I was leaving the caravan. As I go over to the digging caravan to return Ash's now washed socks (but not dry) lent two days ago. Talk to CG in the car. Ask him about his view of the Hut 'fric' and his view of CT's comments of late last night. He supportatively says that he thought I was discussing different recording/perception approaches rather than being empirical dismissive etc. Walk on site via Bultern Hill / Bray Down \Rightarrow West Moor boulder stream. I don't want to change this lovely walk. Wayne has persuaded the others of the Westmor gate approach (obviously because of the weight of carrying the water). Arrive on site c. 8:45 pm and discuss with H (CG + M S-G present) the best way of speeding up the stone row terminal excavation.

This is really the continuation of discussion which we had yesterday evening (unrecorded). Across the top

(West side) of the trench is a disturbed area comprising two mounds separated by a depression. The N mound has a small upright stone near it (aligned on the stone row). IN front (and at 90° to the W mound) is the deeply buried end of the largest stone in the terminal - How are we going to cope with this 'quickly' - Matt + Pippa keep looting further 'soil variation' in the mounds (robber midden tips? - denuded cists) The 'pit' around the largest terminal stone is a large stain (of a pit). CT (now known as ET) CG + m s-T are all for bashing a section through the lot + mallocking it out quickly - CT wants it all out quickly to find something interesting. H agrees today to clean up the area, plan it + put a section across it - H + Pippa are much more 'gentle' / 'subtle' in their approach to the site - - - It is obviously a privilege in a research

excavation - leaving H to 'her trench' CG + I set about levelling from a new TBM (on the stone row) [to the old TBM is on a terminal stone which will be shifted during the excavation] to hut 23. We take out Penni's dumpy - - - but confusion - we had never seen a level quite like it ^(4 screws!) It took several trips up + down the hill to the settlement to sort out how to work it - - - It was in fact simple - - - Penni must have thought it somewhat idiotic levelled from the stone row TBM to hut 23 - A 7m change in height - This amazed me - I would have said that it was much more - since we 'stumbled' around the stones of the hill going up + down until the Fowey Valley appears deeply below. It seemed like the situation with on site planning + elevation sketching - - - the facts do not "mirror" perception Ask Chris (who yesterday half complained) on all the walking he was doing up + down the settlement what the change in height

was - answer to 40 mi *

After lunch - got Matt to deliver hut 23
(after photo) Helen cleaned up the stone
row trench + we got Andy to take 100 of
photos. Left right site (having arranged)

* Strung up one of Penn's 2m grids - made -
designed by herself - a very ingenious
device

for Gary Robinson to be collected by Anne.
Return to Camp site - pick up Helen + Andy
+ go back to Salisbury (vici Somerset
dropping of Andy + ti). Arrive at
C + Karen's house c. 1200 am . . .

V hot evening - windows open in house . .
Make hot water bottle (after sandwich
meal + go to bed - realise that I am
burnt red. It was a marvellous day
- . . I feel calm + happy

FRI JUNE 7th

Travel up to London for exam board -
Horrible sticky hot day in London
See film poster entitled 'Rough Magic'
- ideal for a hesternick chapter!
Return home on the Salisbury train w
Chris + B - afterwards driving
in Chris' car to Honiton to drop Barbara
who has left her 1a cream van at Honiton
Station. Amazing sheet lightning + rain
as we drive across Dorset + Devon - quite
frightening. Arrive home c. 12.30 -
Amazingly the light is still on in the excavator's
cannon. Perhaps H is waiting for his
results - the answer is no! . . . he
doesn't want to hear them!

SATURDAY JUNE 8th

No Helen (not back from getting her
exam results in London) Commence by
getting H's trench clean of topsoil -
mohy material ready for planning.
Paint 'dull black' dot-on TBM 2

+ ask Pippa + Matt to plan, sketch the TBM (Q) location, and level the stones. Go up to Hut 23 where dehurfn has finished in my absence. Gary + Chris begin travelling it properly (down to a gntly surface) + I dash up between the stones. It's difficult to truly locate a door on this structure. The triangular back stone may well be in a niche (the wall most seems single). Talk to Wayne about hut shapes - deliberate circularity, enclosures to keep animals in v. out. Hut 23 is now not looking as circular as it originally did. Lunch Mike goes up to govt. to open results site. After lunch show Pippa how to use the level.

late afternoon we decided to move the stone hole stone from the trench. The stone hole is filled with spoil to protect it + the area in front with hufs. With leavers (2 fence posts) we flick the stone over twice + remove it from the trench (Me CG, Matt, Pippa).

A great feat feeling of achievement is felt by us + we leave the site late as a consequence - too much for regular times.

* Spent some time with CT + B looking around the enclosures noting conspicuous stones.

NB during the ^{afternoon} morning CT showed me Hut 15 which possibly is a cairn within the settlement area.

Go to an extraordinary slow fish chip shop on the way back with CG, M, + Ash. CG has an interface with the beautiful day clear sky, h2 with a breeze +

- Karen arrived this evening - Chris + Karen visited Crystal's caravan while I went over to the excavator's caravan + performed the 'blind' whiskey challenge - Mike

got chivers' Regal, Black Bushmill + Green Bushmills in reverse order of his hierarchy of quality as a result I gain the remaining contents of his bottle of Green Bushmills. Return to caravan c. 12.15 am - Karen in bed - hear Chris returning c. 1.30 pm.

Go to chip shop on way back CG had fricca with shopgirl - due to her not giving him the chips. I've ordered... quite shocked at the violence of his response.

shop assistant of interesting violence!

Sunday June 9th

breakfast - CT not smoking - Karen has had an instant
CG on holiday effect - he smokes outside the caravan
while I have my breakfast

The weather suggests rain on my 8pm leave

from the camp site. CG is having a day off

(CT has given the nickname completely
grounded) Am to consider on the SR trench
(yesterday)

CG's comment that the 'stone hole' doesn't

fit the stone across it - gravity would

pull it over. It is obvious that only one

end could have fitted in the hole - the

'flat' non pointed end - - but the hole

is not particularly deep - maybe the

smaller double flat topped stone (ie both

ends) would better fit the hole. Arrive on

site as Mike + Ash to find that for once

the horses and cattle have not crossed our

trench. The Prehistoric Society (morning)

and the Cornish Archaeological Society are

coming today - still no Helen -

is she ok? Get Pippa + Matt clear of

the turf remains (roofs) to plan the

surface of the SR trench prior to sectioning

across the burrow + stone hole features

at the western end. Karen asks to help with

the excavation + I teach her to set up the
level - - she makes lots of sensible comments.

Mike goes to Hut 23 to complete its

planning (under the turf layer) - - he

seems in a more smug mood having

been declared 1st class (his degree result).

To our 'horror' while viewing across the

Powey Valley from Hut 23 we see the Prehistoric

Society appearing ^{over the horizon} we have never seen so

many people in our landscape - the wild

horses ~~start~~ gallop towards them. We

are all slightly bad tempered - the

Wind has been relentlessly blowing

across the Laskernick and there is a large

chill factor. Chris leads the society

up the stone row - describing the features

of the landscape + changing perspective

effects - - ^{"The Rough Tor effect"} arriving at the stone row trench

- - my turn to explain - - realize that my

voice has not fully recovered from

pneumonia - - then back to Chris for

a discussion in the southern settlement.

Wayne (+ Penni) provide an excellent

outline of their rapid planning methods

By the end of the first week they have planned all of the Southern Settlement which is an interesting parameter of time versus results in meaningful recording. They are beginning to be able to recount features of individual houses & their characteristics. This is surely another vital role of planning / recording / summarization - it engages familiarity + knowledge - perhaps their very energies a perceived reality (rather than an abstract measured reality) which is more in key with experiencing the potentials of (in this case) a Bronze Age world.

We traverse across to other huts. Pheasant had lunch in a S Settl hut / B discusses enclosures + sequence. We arrive at Hut 23 - explanation of the excavation - how notice even more that the back wall is resting on an ancient land surface with the Backstone diving deeply. Talk en route + afterwards with Rob Bewley concerning the virtual reality application + levels of

14
interpretation - he is interested in our context sheets + levels of confidence - the air photo unit does something similar using 5 levels of confidence. Also talk to Tim Champion, who is supportive + mentions Gilbert's work on BA houses (post) where he notes single wooden posts opposite the entrances - like our backstones? Pete Hermy discusses the quoit - having got details of its distance viewing platform / barrow → quoit (x ~~to~~ Beacon Hill barrow) alignment from the Greenwich Observatory - a late Neo + BA setting of the sun through the quoit has been calculated. As the society departs - note T Blackman + the Cornish Arch Society Group appearing across the horizon. More wind + some sun - another guided tour. Matt notes charcoal ^{18 rate} in the north mound of the S Slow Terminal - get Pippa to plan the interface between the mounds & largest stone pit. Mike + Garry finishing at two browelling down to a silty surface on Hut 23. Ash finishes planning hut 39.

Where is Heten - am worried or maybe she is celebrating her exam results. Karen obviously gone home (ill with stomach pains). Go home via Spar supermarket - no fresh vegetables horrors!

-- amazing - buy frozen peas instead *

Finish eating junking when Christ arrives

-- talk to 2pm

* Resolve to have the tidy bits of the diggers caravan - search for ash tray - find ash tray after extensive looking

Monday 10th June wash floor, chuck out vast heaps of fag ends in the enclosure dustbins - feel calm + optimistic in a clean (floor washed) caravan. Woke up 7pm ready to leave by 7.45pm.

lots of rain - decided to get the books, plans en up to form. Discuss annotation with Mike of plans - he is rather against interpretative being placed on them. Says that it is in the site notebooks - I want it to understand his process of interpretation - he agrees to put it on a photocopy of the plan.

The settlement survey team decided to stay away from site and discuss methodology etc. - Jenni later arrives on site -

tells us that all of the discussion is being tape recorded... Spend afternoon surveying from the SRT TBM to hut 39 terrace

TBA - Also survey from Hut 39 to Hut 23 to check the 7m - it's fine just out by 5cm. Mike cleans Hut 23 to a clean surface (silty but ~~easy~~ to peel easily coming off to a lighter area - is this a decomposing floor).

The granite pieces show signs of decomposition around their edges. We have our first small find - a stone rubber near the edge of the lower wall. Mark + B mis in Hut 23 + Hut 29. + lovely day despite rainy start - sun + growing wind. Return ^{8pm} to find Anna + later Jill making a meal for all of us in our caravan. We actually eat in B + Pennis caravan. It's good to have us all specialising together. Wayne Asunehes into another Settlement Survey - V. excavation dichotomy - this has gone on too long - I feel it is a construct rather than something that I am intellectually part of

+ Heten has finally sectioned the wend of the trench - she has now treated

It as an evaluation excavation - we discuss loss of area information
Nervous what is saved in the section -
if we wanted more area info - Chris
points out we could have done a cumulative
section. Big dinner: arrive back to find Anna

Bernard arrive

+ later Jill cooking exotic Sri Lankan food in our
cansuan - All the fresh vegetables
11. JUNE 96 small wonderful - keep picking at them - eventually
the food is moved across to B's cansuan + we have
a splendid social meal at which CG is
Social really friendly to everyone, Ash is

Alto Gilire

- our soc relationships with outis is seriously
inhibited by his confrontational attitude -
archaeologists (m-st)

• solution | excavation encounter (EE)
to share or accumulating knowledge/
percepts

- bring notebook plans etc.
- write in trench diary
- ^{snackette} 6pm
- describe ^{sp3} what they see
- all dig for 1/2 day? or arrive for
Early start. 8am start
- 2 people more please

waylaid by Wayne and Mike talks to Christal
never coming into the 'body' of the cansuan
CT on good form with shrine jokes. Wayne

Excavation:

- Hut 23 - no evidence of it so far except
walls
- Possibility of terracing left excluded
- pollen sampling - cross control -
fallen stones deeply buried at time of
excavation
- Problem of digging inside
- justified g plan to put it back

End Mon June 90

tells the excavation team that he feels that
we are keeping ourselves too separate - a familiar
theme - why don't we come and see their recording
methods - I remember what happened the
last time we discussed them! I do however
resolved to discuss the situation further with
Barbara + the excavation team... leave
the party' at 12.45 + go to bed... no idea
what time Chris returns to the cansuan -
too late for me to notice.

Tuesday June 11
wake up at 7:00 - wonderful sound
of the wind flowing through the trees -
grey sky, grey rolling mist + rain.
find note on table from Chris asking to be
woken at 7:30 pm - duely bang on the door
--- just catch him as I go across to the
excavation caravan at 8 pm --- it looks
a little too ~~for~~ wet for work --- but
we 'try' via the Westmoor Gate ^{= 2nd time}
approach 7 Helen + Gary turn back pretty ^(1st time as normal)
quickly. Instead we go back to Camelford
+ become the first customers of a newly
opened coffee shop. It feels somewhat
stirred drinking coffee in good cafe +
served ^{on} ~~with~~ pink table cloths.
We have a lengthy discussion about timetables.
The reality is that excavating stone houses
is very time consuming - so much needs to
be planned + the excavation keeps stopping
around to accommodate this. 10 days
is not enough to complete excavation
of Hut 23 + one quadrant of Hut 39 especially
since we must extend the excavation outside

17
the walls to be them in stratigraphically
we discuss whether the excavation really
needs to be longer than the surface
work to achieve useful results. we
finally produce a people, time + equipment
'timetable' for each trench to focus
on the reality of the situation. Since that
CG feels complete nervous, all at ease
with a half reserved finished excavation ^(as opposed to sample) -
so different to an evaluation situation -
Mike is more sanguine about this situation.
We agree that they both (CG + Mike)
have carte blanche to 'crack the whip' ...
push the excavations along more intensively.
CG offers not to have a day off - given that
he will be away (the European Cup)
for 6 days. We also discuss the
social situation at consider
inviting the Settlement Surface team
to come down to site regularly at
the end of the day for us to explain/
discuss not only the trench but our method
of methodology - like the contrast
between an invasive recovery of info

V. surface info - levels of confidence eh -
We will invite them to contribute to our
Trench diaries. Return to camp site to check
up on the others - - - Penni + Babs remain.
The others have gone to get fish + chips for
lunch + others to St Ives - it has become
an afternoon drill - the rain continues. Talk
to B in caravan about need to organise
a dig time table which allows finishing
of key parts or all of each trench - - -

B says that the surface survey too
needs all its people - to complete their
task - - - Penni offers to go + buy more
shovels + buckets to speed the exca-
vations (we are a little short, with people
sharing buckets). Time to return to site
(Gary, Mike Ash me CG) - Westmoor gate
this time. We resolve to go up whatever
and achieve 4 things: 1) recover the level
for sticking up a supergum 2) cut a control
pit on the SR Trench for pollen 3) string
up lines to extent the hut excav trench
beyond the walls 4) place a TBM on the
Hut B plan. Everyone works hard + achieves

this in driving rain. Helen digs the soil
pit and is called in mud. We return c.
4-30 pm - Sophie arrives en route
taking Helen in her car. Helen later returns
to my caravan for a shower + leaves
her wet clothes for dry - find subsequently
a watch, sock + pile of muddy glass
in the bathroom as a reminder of her -
also a ~~sampson~~ shampoo sachet -
her mud is clearly on these things -
have herbal tea + chat with her - -
No CT as yet - possibly he too has gone to St Ives
Really loved the atmospheric effects today
driving across the airfield the measures of
Rough + old Brown Willy were invisible
- walking from Westmoor gate via
the stone row to the settlement was
uncredible stumbling through rolling mist
+ slashing rain - - if the sky had
cleared + Rough + old appeared in
would have been amazing with in
such mystery. ^{Feel} ~~Sense~~ a sense of theatre in
these atmospheric conditions
Spend evening talking to Chris + Chris
who arrived with Cornish Parties then

Babs + then Chris alone. Chris tells me about conversations (yesterday) concerning the ^{various} feelings which people have about the Stone row / individual houses. I am interested that Pippa like me feels that she is crossing the Stone Terminal in excavating it. I felt like that for quite some time and now today on arrival the abuse of the fence by the cattle seemed positively vicious. Completed bent chicken wire, a snapped line wire etc. They do the same with the Stone row flag - first one moving in + chewing the a chunk out the flag + then the rest moving in and finishing eating it + then - pulling up the stake + stake with a combination of mouth and horn work - constant messages for us to move away! Bed 2pm (after dotted cream + jam supper w Chris). NB also discuss graphics with Chris. Creating srt photos of modern chairs etc in the houses. I told him that I want a drawing of the

19
Rough To effect to fit into the site location plan for the Stone row terminal. I very much want to mix these art / graphic forms convention in the final publication. I would also like the graphics to represent the 'nested scales' on single pages + 2) back to front. Small-scale first - house interior - large scale last - sense plan of the whole site. Returning to the subject of furniture photos in the house what strikes me as interesting visually is placing inside furniture outside but inside what was once a house.

* Check plans which B+C have photocopied for that 39 - 50% back to front, just typicall can't trust them to get a simple task right!

Wed June 12

Wake up to find a ash/fag end free canister
and a glass filled with pretty flowers on
the table. I

Wed June 12th

walk to site via Buttern Hill / Box Down
Pretty white, + red flowers scatter the moor.
The yellows just remain (rock rose) + the
blues (violets) are dying. There seem to be
more flowers in the rocky areas -
none on the Westmoor gate / stone
now appearer. There must have been huge
switches in the blues → yellow - white pink
sequence at Lookernick (same flower
in BA?) The colour Particular colour
truly mark the progress of the seasons.
Someone to find yet again the cattle
(horned bulls) have knelt down or SR terminal
fencing. Black hairs are wrapped around
the distressed chicken wire. we search for
the most likely culprit - up in the Southern
Settlement there is a black bull - who is

20

strongly suspected

C9 + 1 lay out an increased grid for the
Southern excavation - Hut 39 - which extends
it beyond the wall - we now have a 7x5 m
rectangle, on angle of which forms the house
quadrant. Also extend the trench in Hut 23
beyond the wall. Meanwhile the students
Chris + B arrive on site with their installation of
white plastic chairs + table - garden furniture
from Marilyn's tent. I would prefer
real inside furniture for the idea
of inside/outside ie inside furniture outside
in the insides of former huts. It does
however create a patio effect for the hut it
is placed in raising the question of outside
surfaces + places which are as much part of
architectural space as inside place.
am pleased that we are now investigating the
outside of huts.

Get Gary dehumfing Hut 39 extension
Clean up with Jo, myself + Chris G. There
is 'fumble' inside behind the wall now
visible + large grounds that the wall is
built on. The brickstone is a huge diffuse

triangular pyramid. The house seems enormous - a large effort of construction -

Part of the exposed part of the wall is cellular - Faced back front with rubble in between -

Hut 23 begins to look good. Till (now digging with us after an alternation with Wayne) has come across wobble stones at the back of the house, behind the Shrine Stone -

I loved this inside out approach which is now developing - the outside potentially provide more ~~space~~ designated space than the inside. The grounder stone of the entrance is flanked by two large grounder platforms

Mike is photographed outside 'his' hut - Hut 25. On one of the white plastic chairs he seems quite sanguine about it. ⊕

Look at Helen's trench with CG after it has left - Most of the N/S section by the large stone pit is "natural". →

⊕ Ask Gillie to draw sequential pictures of the 'rough' or effect along the stone row + views from Hut 23 + 39 door frame.

but the cut of the stone pit can be seen on the N/S section - V angular, just near the edge of the stone - spade cut through a cut?

The down sloping E/W stone to S of the big stone may have been an original packing stone on the East side - removed to allow the stone to fall over.

Return to car with CG ~~late~~ late. Go to for hut c. 11 pm in the evening - discuss inside chairs for the houses (bar allows us to have 4 chairs.) ^(Mike Gary Chris + Tony) Return to caravan w Mike Et + Gary to discuss Andy Goldsworthy's work called 'stone'. Mike remains resistant to his idea of brilliance in this work - ~~no idea~~ he like his hut being called ~~a menstrual hut~~ a menstrual hut!

Talk to c. 2pm - Mike finishes both mugs Chivers + Regal + Black bush milk whiskey - he seems very social - I have agreed to serve him (warm) his breakfast Croissant in 'bed'.

~~X about~~

Thurs June 13th

Made croissant breakfast for Mike in bed (agreed last night)
Chris' last day for a while (6 days).

Went to site in Ash's car to give Chris a test (radiator problems). Today is really a Day off. Mike has taken it but CG + Ash are working - with agreed stop time -

left Ash on the SRT while Chris + I finished taking the loose turf of Hut 39. Wayne comes and plans Hut 39 when he arrives while Gary continues (not arrived) clearing up the trench area at the back of 39.

It is interesting to note how stones have conspicuously changed shape with turf removal / topsoil removal. We are noting broken rods below the turf line. Penni has also noted this for Hut 23. She told me that someone from the Petinstone Society said 'where has the bracken gone' when they came up last Sunday.

It indicates that the moor of Lesternick today is just a product of 50 yrs. The visibility of stones interests me. There must have been many more, or a different range, of significant stones prior to turf development. The significant stones

22

outside Huts 23 + 39 - ~~to~~ buried or partly buried before excavation are the giant flat ones - a category less often shown as 'significant' in the 'upstanding' Settlement Survey.

Dave Rodley (the EII Inspector) arrives at Hut 39 while I am travelling. We discuss the stone 'tumble' in front of + behind Huts 39. He wonders if there is too much tumble for the wall width ~~has~~ this particularly relates to the tumble inside the house. May be it relates to some internal structure. The tumble outside the wall on an adjacent segment behind the back-stone he finds more 'acceptable'. The wall, particularly to the left of the back stone, facing inwards into the house has a clear structure - a cell like structure with internal + external facing cross-ties + rubble infill.

Go across + see Penni travelling on Hut 23 - Jill has made a marvellous job of the cobbles emerging around the outside of the triangular back stone area - outside the Hut.

Wynne from Devon Radio arrives. Give 1/2 hour interview. Talking mostly about the settlement

and stone rows / circles. When I return to the tent area I'll appear bring a small quartz crystal for 'bugging' as a 'small find'. It has great beauty - sparkling in the sun - I wonder whether it erodes out of the granite - or natural to the site. They are certainly not everywhere - none other ones found in digging so far. It was found outside the Hut in the 'Whale' area next to the house wall at the back of the triangular stone. It evokes significance - was such a small thing selected brought to the house area - or is it randomly present as a result of downslope slumping of material.

Eventually leave site for Rough Tor (it is our 'day off' visiting spot with Ash + Chris + Wynne. We are leaving later than expected not only because of the radio interview but due to trying to resolve the sequence / cut at the base of the largest stone of the SR terminal. It is very tightly placed in its cut on its northern edge with packing stones only apparent arcing around the W + S sides. The hole has a step - just like that on the stonehole of 95 - but this hole is, of course so much

larger mirroring the size of the stone itself. Where is the third stonehole - we are still wondering. There is a stain, + evidence from last year of a hollow around the 'smallest' stone - if the 'hole' is here - the smallest stone is covering this. Part of our resolution debate relating to the 'big' stone is that Ash removed the bulk ~~white~~ before defining the cut on the S side of it. Chris G had come up to Hut 39 + told me (poor H - all done on her day off) - then I told him to do this after defining the feature. Cleaning up the N-S section before leaving, it does however seem all restorable.

We leave for Coeds - to pick up Wynne's jeep - he has offered us a ride in it - back to our car - before we all go to Rough Tor.

Rough Tor we note is becoming covered in bracken. The houses at the base of the Tor (approaching from the car park end) are large like Hut 39 with clear door jacks but not really conspicuous back stones. Ash notes a quadrant like 'shadow' in one Hut and a linear trench dip through the door straight to the back in another. Have these been excavated?

we think. Rough Tor looks fantastical
 this clear day - we walk around it looking
 at its sculptured rock stacks - like an Andy
 Goldworthy - as we begin to walk up it
 the figure of Mike appears - - we have broken
 the solitude of it deep. We all climb the
 Tor together - - with Mike + Chris aiming
 magnificently for the highest ^{peak} of the stacks
 of little Rough Tor. The boulder perched on top
 rocks with Mike standing on it (+ Chris -
 Ash pivoting it). Mike we discover ^{walks} ~~travels~~
 with a can of strawberries in synch - - for
 eating on scaling such rocky heights -
 looking the direction of showers for it is
 easy to see the sinuous Nidderline
 enclosure and the enclosures / piling of stones
 around the other mini-tors of Rough Tor.

The scree is different on Rough Tor - more
 massive, more squared + tabular - fewer
 pyramidal + triangular stones. It is interesting
 that the houses on the carpark side are
 not built amongst the shores of the Tor / but
 set separate. The most fantastical area
 is that of the stacks. There is evidence of

an enclosure around these stacks - -

Somehow I feel that Rough Tor is too
 special to live within - - within the stones.
 The view around is stunning - You can see
 out of Rough Tor on all sides - - but you cannot see
 in - - I like this sense of hiddleness + inside/outside
 dichotomy.

We return to Camelford collecting a Chinese take
 away for everyone except me - - The excavation
 team obviously are left intending waiting for /
 relying on the camp side barbecue which Anne
 intends to cook this evening. Chris + B + various
 students exhausted from striding for 5 hrs across

Friday June 14th Craddock moor with D Holey
 who is a mine of information
 said goodbye to Chris - away to follow the
 European cup for four days. Walk up to
 site as always via Buttern Hill - Ash Gang
 Helen Mike and me - - end up carrying
 the yellow tool box - - always seem to
 manage to get it for part of the journey -
 hope to pass it over to Mike but he stands
 too far in front of me. Helen carries the
 red tool box resolutely as always - -
 surdily the whole way. Solemnly look

NB ~~4~~ ~~10~~ Fowey school children + Tony Blackman arrive

+ lunch time for short

site takes

at Helen's bench with the missing stone hole baulk - yes we can work out what is going on - On Sat 31 the topsoil needs mattocking down - help Garry for a while when Cerri + Jo arrive - let

Cerri carry on helping - Jo wants to learn / see how to take a pollen sample -

Get her to draw the profile + bang tubes in. During the lunch break C + B tell me about Gill's crystal from the back of the cobbles area of Hut 23 - Mike has refused to accept it as a small find and Gill is somewhat put out. I am not surprised at Mike's reaction

... since it is not foreign stone nor a humanly produced artefact - It is however a very attractive crystal and a little bigger than any we have recovered so far -

I have early this morning Cerri pulled out a rather puny example of the same from the topsoil of Hut 39. I let the problem rest in my mind until

I need to go over to Hut 23 for other reasons. Penni + Mike are the only people working on the Hut - I mention the crystal to

25

Mike - He predictably refuses to small find it but in due course a compromise is reached - it is a narrative find 'NF' to be plotted on the plan as such - i.e. something which has contributed to our site discussion + house interpretation consideration. A white garden flag is duly marked up as NF and nailed into the ground at the 'findspot' - equally Mike is satisfied because NF could also stand for non-find. The spoil heap of Hut 23 looks somewhat like Brown Willy - I continue piling up spoil to emphasize its effect - what can we make the other spoil heaps mimic?

Chris shows me his narrative on the back stone hut ~ it references the cairn on Brown Willy - not Rough Tor - How could we have previously missed this. I love the way in which small stone rubble (as he notes) is rising up to enveloped and enshrine the huge whale shaped back stone + the segmented nature of the wall construction now is very visual how they seen the emerging

and similar excavated structures of Hut 39.
If Dave Footley's idea of the Southern
Settlement being later than the Western
Settlement is correct Hut - seems like
a model for those of the Southern Settle-
ment in size, construction a whale shaped
backstones.

Talk to B about the enclosures -
she has noted large flat stones enclosed
by upstanding stones. The excavation
of the houses makes me feel that the large
flat stones are important. Many of these
today are covered by the turf - yet the
houses on excav seem to pick in particular
areas with concentrations of massive
flat stones - Huts 23 + 39 both have
this. I like the way that the ideas of
the settlement survey + the excavations
are now beginning to feed off each other
and mirror each other. The excavations
is the inside of the settlement survey.

As we walk back across the moor,
me carrying Mike's plans I notice the
absence of ditches on them. I ask him to date

26
them since this is part of the sequence
of changing + accumulating documentation
which I wish to be able to plot.

Keren + Charles have arrived on our return
- wash + join everyone in the Mason's Arms
- have to however leave to get food
(myself, Ash + Mike) since we have arrived
late (the others are already eating).
Eat instead at the Half Moon talking to
Mike + Ash about films.

2 shovels apparently stolen from site today -
what else is missing?? :

Saturday June 15th

On arrival on site check the tool situation. One tuff-cutter, two shovels, the sledge hammer & the lump hammer are missing. There are wheel bricks (4 wheel drive) still visible leading up to the burn shore. Our tools have been stolen - which is depressing. I shall particularly miss my lump hammer + digging, nevermind back filling is difficult without shovels. Ewen is on site this morning with Charles. We partially sculpt Helen's spoil heap into a Rough Tor profile. The spoil has spread rather widely across the tuff so it is good to clean it up anyway. Helen's section across the N/S axis of the bench now reveals a deposition (ribb on top) of molten in the mound on the S side of the largest stone suggesting perhaps that a pit was dug around the stone down to + into the wbb - with the wbb being upcast to form the mound. This dump/mound has a turf line - also apparent in the section. Also in the section, on the S side of the stone hole a waterlain silty deposit can be seen (the section has been extended south). Does this go right around the stone is unclear where

27
it has fallen - if so then it is the ^{fill of the} hollow with waterlain deposits around the originally standing stone. If not, it is deposition in the hollow after the stone fell/was pushed over. Helen is now putting a section along the axis of the largest stone to investigate this further - also a section across the smallest stone to investigate its 'hollow' just established last year.

Steve Shannon arrives at lunch time + plunks himself down next to me in Hut 39 with no announcement. We are cleaning up a linear set of paving, now revealed which look like those found at Stannon Down over a sump. Say goodbye to Penni just after lunch + talk to B + Chris before lunch - feel sad - she is a lovely person.

After lunch ~~with the~~ talk to B + Chris - they have been checking some of the sketch planning work + have noticed discrepancies - all very time consuming + casting some doubt on the filled in sheets. We need professional trained sketch planners say Barbara - sounding like my original cry for competent people on the excavation team. It interests me how our separate methodologies / methodological requirements

are beginning to merge and mirror each other.
Visit Hut 23 late in the afternoon. The cobble area
is being cleaned up for a photograph. Note
that inside the house that iron panning is
running through the rubble - i.e. it is later than the
rubble indicating that the floors are below the
iron pan - We wonder why the terrace edge at the
back of the house \rightarrow is so sharp Mike comments
that it may have been cut as a more gradual
break and eroded to its now sharp profile.

Return to the campsite quite late walking with
Ash + Mike. When we get back to the parking area
to find Sophie's Ford Fiesta stranded just
beyond the ford. Like CG's another Ford Fiesta which
cannot start after having passed through the ford.
We finally bump start it. Ash's last day with us
is finished - the walk back was filled with
gentle soft sun.

Arrive back at campsite c. 8pm Steve + Karen,
Karen + Chris are in the caravan - we are going out for
a meal at the Half Crown. Rapidly wasn't leave
with them, complete with dripping now washed hair.
B, Henry, Marilyn + partner + Kate, Steve, Chris +
me are at the restaurant. Remember Kate singing on

the settlement (Southern) today while sitting on
a stone - it was so evocative - Leskernick 'peeped'
by a child's song. Much discussion about
Shanes and furnishing the Leskernick houses in the
restaurant - Steve has a somewhat dazed/amazed
look on his face... and comments that Leskernick has
certainly taken a hold of our imagination. Return back
to the caravan - Chris + Karen got to bed 'early' c.
11.45pm. Am still sitting in the caravan reading
when Mike and Ash later arrive c. 12.30 - Discuss with
Mike walking from site to Cornetford (home) at the
end of tomorrow evening - just getting a lift in with Ash
in the morning immediately before his departure - We will
be able to use Jane's car from Monday morning.

NB Stone chips revealed under largest SRT
could be packing (original), ramp material for
leverage when prising out the stone, or chippings
from dressing/shaping the stone (Mike).

Sunday June 16th 96

Perfect golden morning - soft breeze, gentle warm sun.
Talk to Steve before his departure - he seems v.
supportive of a 'Virtual Reality' Bodmin -
is he being ironical??

Ash takes Mike + I to site + we say goodbye. lovely
slow walk to site. we do not feel like hurrying ourselves
today. Talk a little about excavations at the CABURN.
It seems weird that he has managed to ^{be} working
with me since this summer despite his 'problems'
& with my bossiness!

On site ~~we~~ we study H39 in a little more detail
prior to Sophie taking over Ash's planning. We
(Mike) start turning around the entrance -

greeny black fire-cracked granite - there is more in the
rubble at the back of the house - in the wall rubble near
the back stone - no evidence of charcoal - the
burn material is under the turf line + cannot be
very recent. maybe this is how the house was
closed down, maybe the house was built of rubble
taken from elsewhere

enny suggests that the Hut 23 cobbles are used
a draining mechanism - diverting the water

29

away from the wall and downhill.

Have been trying to take pollen samples
from the turf line under the southern SRT
dump all day but people, Uwtors just
keep arriving + interrupting. Tony Blackman
+ the young archaeologists have been allocated
to Henry who makes a marvellous job of it
Mike in Hut 23 is put out by Chris T
informing him that 'his house' is
in fact a broken down cairn with no timent
? ... leave Mike to have his own solitary
peace at lunch time

During the afternoon Mo Downton, husband
Dan + lovely dog - black with floppy ears
arrive - show them around the various
trenches - hopefully indicating that we
are doing a proper job - she particularly
seems to like the houses + Hut 23 cobbles and
we discuss how to leave the sites at
the end of the season. She interesting
comments that a pile of stones (Hut 23
large stones removed from the hut - might
be stolen (I have already mentioned our
loss of shovels etc) - Ben has been on site

Monday - the platform was too small at most points
stones are rounded & might need just
count presume all one phase
cobble, under wall tumble
some large orthoquartz sitting
sitting on small stone rubble -
all shallow - contact is none
frangible stone on rubble - large
tumble in fact butressing? or is
lost it wobbling inside with water
stones slip on top
foreign stone - piece of chert
Piece of burnt quartz - only burnt
evidence

Today + yesterday (1st sixth form year) - he
hopes to come to the Institute - He works
well with Charlie + works hard on site
Tony Blackman finally catches to me -
He clearly feels that we are distorting 'his'
landscape + talks of the privilege of being
allowed to dig + duty we have to get it 'right'
As he asks us to send him our interim reports
Mike set off for Rough Tor etc c. 6:30
having donated our various sacks/boxes

30
of equipment to others to take back. Others
donate his food for fuel - Helen some dates,
Marion 2 biscuits. Mike already has a
tin of peaches in light syrup + a can opener +
I have 3 almond cakes. As we leave
Leskernick we walk across to Loder. -
the route is clear - Brown Willy dominates
the skyline straight ahead. We will walk
up over it to Rough Tor. As we approach
Brown Willy Mike sees a cave which we
climb up to. It is interesting how a hole
in the rock face can be so magnetic.
We also climb up to one of the two conical
mound cairns which so mimic the conical
effect of the rock outcrops themselves. Mike
adds another rock to one of the cairns. The
top of which has a series of tiny stones
one balanced outtop of the other making mini
for stacks. It fascinates me how human
nature is to mimic nature / natural features.
Leskernick Hill looks marvellous from
Brown Willy - like a stranded Whale stone *
I can just see the black sea of Hut 23
excavation trench - spoil heap - I like
*The tops of the tors are weathered whalestones that
become separated as stacks

the twisted, mirror image logic of looking at a spoil heap modelled in the shape of Brown Willy, while looking out from Brown Willy. . . we continue on to Rough Tor via a deserted farm building - Mike shows me a room with a large back stone on which rests a corbelled roof while a small rubble wall continues behind us masking it - all invisible from the outside. He also shows me a soil profile under a grounded stone. Both of these 'features' he located on his trip to Rough Tor on his day off. The soil/turfline seems to have washed down horizontally i.e. it is later than the grounded stone, not preceding it, even although it is underneath it. . . the implication being that the turfline under the house at 23 house ~~may~~ stones may be later.

We continue to Rough Tor - eating our peaches on Showery Tor. The rucksack seems considerably lighter having emptied the can. It is a lovely still, golden mellow evening - we walk along the hump back road to Camelford arriving back at

31
the camp site c. 10.15 pm. Jane has arrived. Find her in B1 caravan talking to B + Wayne. B + Wayne have the Bodmin L survey opened at the barrow profiles. The western settlement is clearly problematic - mirroring a cairn field.

Monday June 17th

Travel to site with Mike in Jane's splendid clean Rover - clean like a shoe. Decided to work in Helen's trench with Jane + move it along. A lovely peaceful day, without visitors. Jane draws sections the section under the large fallen stone (E-W with stone plinth) + plans the outline of the small stone ^{dark sticky clay} feature patch. I begin to empty the ^{at base} cut on the N side of the large stone here ^{- diff colour to bright rubble} - it is uneven - pick marks? and cuts through the mound & its underlying turfline?

The plinth under the mound is interesting - plinth for leverage - platform around the stone - interconnecting pieces of a smashed stone? chips from our in situ dressed stone? After lunch Helen + Jane find a feature in front of the largest stone (E) opposite end to the cut

that is thickend rests in. Is this
the third stone hole - it is in alignment
with the one of 95. There appears to be some
stone packing in it. It is sectioned + appears
shallow - what is it -- a hearth?

Remove small terminal stone from
decumbent position onto the E part of the site
excavated down to natural. Use
levers + protect the site with turf.

Jim comes down + discusses the dramatic
fallen stone - hopefully as an emotive
contrast to June's clinical plan.

Before leaving go ~~back~~ up to Hut 23 to
see Mike. He is finishing planning +
is absorbed - flexi time abounds - it
is 6:30 pm when I arrive. Have a good
discussion (see pencil \leftarrow) - eg of the
walls perhaps are supported by rubble
+ lay straight on the turf or ground or
the cobbles. The cobbles may be an earlier
platform on which the house was built -
we cannot assume it all to be one face.
Some burnt quartz has been found. The

slate (occ pieces) is clear amongst the cobbles
... is it being imported in the Bronze Age?

CT walked to Rough Tor this evening -
having previously left his car in the RTor
car park. Henry + Chnosel went with him.
Spent the later part of the evening in the bar w
Mike + Gene. Henry arrived back mirroring
the enthusiasm which I had felt the previous
night for the Rough Tor walk.

*CT discovered that someone has
acquired several socks from the drying
rack outside the caravan window leaving
9 pairs of odd socks! **

*The fence around the stone row trench is beyond
hope - The cattle have forced their way over
the wire again. The fence posts need to be hammered
in again but we no longer have a sledge or
ump hammer for the task. The battery has
gone on CG pentax - work out a method of
copying given that we have run out of BTW
film for my pentax MX ... my pentax
becomes a glorified light meter to use
Chris pentax which still has BTW film in it.
We try both his lens + my meters on the MX light
meter - doesn't seem to make any difference.

Mike needs to photograph Hut 23 prior to stone

** C agrees that BR View of Lookernick - makes it all
look like a giant whale stone

⊗ The stones are not planned - because this is treated as disrupted but are not in their original positions - packing stones checked removal - he plans to take some of the uprights which appear to be resting on the cobbles. Interestingly the 'triangular backstone' has its edge on a fallen upright which apparently rests on the cobbles. It is therefore not placed on the original ground surface or the cobbles.

upright angle at N end of N → S section - large stone to W side of largest terminal stone probably also a packing stone.
Try to take out the N side of the large cut around the largest stone in the terminal (taking out the smashed stone plinth at the same time). It is extremely difficult to define its edge. We decide that it might be better to wait until this stone is removed. While scooping out the feature immediately E of the largest Terminal Stone cut Jane finds stone packing - We have a dismantled stone hole - ⊕ much more disturbed than that of last year - apparently a cross axis to the stone row (unlike last year's one). It seems deeper than last year's one. We wonder which stone tested in it - possibly the one which we presumed last year rested in the hole excavated last year. This would mean that

the stone of Context 13 tested perhaps in the hole excavated last year - We no longer seem to have a row but an increasingly high stone row with each of the low stones higher than the other. This provides a very different stage setting to that provided by last year's evidence.

The stone row really does seem to have been tampered with in a major way. The original carefully tested stone is replaced by a scenario of pushed over, idled out stones. This seems especially the case with the large stone. The plinth under the large stone has pieces of stone which apparently fit together - the stone chippings which have fallen directly in situ. The underside of the largest stone is very irregular & sharp edge - it looks as if it has been considerably modified - to make a gap? - to make a pointed topped stone? What date did all this happen at. Occasional chips of slate surface the site - but these could be prehistoric, given the presence of flint in that 23.

A section is cut on the long E-W axis of the turfline under Context 13 in order to take a pollen sample. I draw the section with Celia measuring. The section goes down to the natural + is complicated but a sub is now apparent below the turfline which dips above it. This stone - (Context 13 before its removal) now appears to have been lying recumbent with a damp hollow developing around it while recumbent. (last year we thought that we had the edge of a stone hollow (within which we presumed a stone hole - but no stone hole now appears to be here - now we have a different configuration + marshy.

Helen is digging an enormous pit to the west of the largest terminal stone cutting. we hope to lever the stone back into this hole - with it slanting away from the layer (now covered by it) which we wish to excavate. I am not sure however how possible it would be to make it recumbent again to suit FH2

34

He has produced a stone record - in the form with shapes chosen at which he used photocopies

During the evening Mike comes over to my caravan while I am preparing prawn crackers and shares some of my wine. We later go to the bar with Jane + discuss the recurrent theme of excavation regarding methodology versus anthropological observation. Henry arrives and tells us that they have been on the wrapping stones... in a black shawl with gold sunbursts that evening. We discuss with him Chris + Wayne's idea that the western settlement has been badly robbed + reconfigured. with a recurrent theme of turning houses into cairns. It is an exciting concept given the nature of the structure of Hut 23 now being revealed - without bedding trenches it is easy to rob, move + reconstruct stones + create reverse mirror images. When I had returned to Hut 23 at the end of the day I noted that Mike (Camilla) had dug a test pit to the side of the Cobble area - to test if the cobbling had continued to the next house. In fact it does not but it is interesting to note a stone line well below the surface near the top of the phb. One gets the impression that the hill is a

whale stone? strange shapes don't feature! It has a good clear form.

mess of scree, with the large stones 'lifted' on top + probably moving further than individual pieces of scree]

NB also noted in mikes Aut 23 today - now two pieces of fine sandstone (the second under a now removed stone). Ct wants them to be little mention on the left of the 'Shrine Room' - M sees them as rubbers.

Before going to bed go across to B's caravan - find B, Wayne, Jill, Chris Crystal Henry - all looking as if they have drunk rather alot. Wayne provides cream + a bandage for my burnt leg (boiling water poured over it from the field stove this afternoon) - he is a qualified First Aider. Another discussion about the excavation / survey dichotomy ensues - we feel there is communication in the sense that there are conversations between those involved in both activities but there is merely a 'public discussion' between us all as a group... it will come together in the write up we think. I also note that it would be good to isolate the questions raised by this years settlement survey to feed into the excavation strategy

of next year. Leave caravan for bed c. 2.30 pm - Chris has still to give Crystal a lift home.

Wednesday June 19th

Wake up to find that I have overslept - time 7.50. Get up rapidly + get some breakfast that I can eat in the car. Chris has had two of his books returned but not the green one. He says that he returned at 3.30 last night. June, Mike, Helen, Gary + me go to site, this time via the Westmoorgate route - shorter but a more barren experience. The fence around the trench has been truly wrecked by the cattle overnight - fence posts are now on the ground - they must seem like giant rubbing posts to them. I would take the posts down altogether now if it were not for the 'stone pit' which Helen has dug - which they might fall down. The weather is hazy today with a slight wind. Discuss with Helen + Mike whether if the stone was dropped into the pit - it could be returned to the necessary decumbent position for E1 - we think not - and now consider excavating under the stone in its decumbent position since

one end of it is raised + it is possible to empty this part of the fill of the pit/cut beneath it.

The section under context 23 look v much if it had a cut in it - got Camilla to clean up the surface + then we emptied it - it appears to be a post pit with a single stone picker - 16 in approximate line with the stone row axis + is earlier than the trig line of the dismantled context 13 stone

went down to Mike's trench before leaving - trench had been put across the floor of the excavated side to try and sort out the sequence - it seems to have come down 03 more rubble, passed through a second iron pan + possibly selected the rubble in one part. Similarly Jill has placed a trench through the cobbles - putting more rubble + possibly the rubble. Mike seems tense - I say that the site is taxing - he says 'more like a play eas'. Dark clouds over brown Willy - v atmospheric. Back to camp side. ^{CT says abruptly that he is leaving for the night} Mike walking silently. And meet ^{the night} notice that Chris is back. AG arrives in

(next day - he's sick of looking at stones)

Went talk to Chris about the trench!

36

caravan 9pm + says that Mike has gone to bed. June comes over to my caravan as well - we talk + drink until c. 12am

Thursday June 20th

Mike is in a black mood - go over to caravan and ask him to smile - why? he says. Today is really our day off + the weather is not ~~in the~~ too good - some slight rain. Decide to go on site with June, Chris, Mike, Jill + Garry just for the morning. Helen will stay behind in the caravan + sort out her paperwork. Chris + I go up by the pretty route while June + co arrive via Westmoor Gate. June has managed to 'improve' Mike's mood by arrival time. We look at Helen's trench + the fence which the cattle have pushed down yet again. Mike sees the potential large terminal stone tip on the edge of the trench + jigsaws it against the stone's broken edge - it fits perfectly - yes we now have for sure a pointed top stone. We then go over to Mike's trench and look at his handwork - decide that it needs cleaning up before 'closing' down. We decide to complete one task before leaving

Site for our afternoon off. We decide to take
down the fence around the stone row terminal
- just like last year there is a sense of
release as the site is released into the landscape.
We return to the car - decide to look at Altarnun
church - it is truly marvellous - light space -
a wonderful norman font with heads looking
as if they were cut out of wood - the carved pews
ends appear to be beautiful dark burr oak
and are more numerous than I expected.

Afternoon - the Hurlers, Cheese Wring, Showers ^{one inside stone mine points out has been peeked into a millstone shape}
Round + beyond. The Hurlers being close to
a road + carpark seems to ~~civilize~~
civilized - also the Cheese ring - life gets more
remote + unspinning beyond the Cheese Wring -
but by comparison Leskernick seems so
enclosed, removed, surrounded + beautiful.
Manage, by getting in front to have
some space to walk on my own ...

Spend evening in a slow serving pub at
St Tudy. On return Mike comes back to my caravan
+ talk to C. 2pm.

Friday - June 21st

37
Arrive on site to see B coming over the horizon from
Westmoor Gate with a shopping trolley - filled
with food for our solstice evening. She has also
brought good coffee and croissants up to site.
We sit and have this while she shows me
photocopies of Toni's drawings of the Stone -
great terminal - in the stone row trench -
The work wonderfully - the combination of running
pencil paints and rough textured paper really
give the effect of stone in the photocopy -
work to about 12pm - mark burnt stones on
Aut 39 plan and take some levels - feel
as if everything is winding down. Helen's
trench is at the point of final mallocking -
down to natural. Just before lunch B + C
take me around the Southern Settlement
showing houses filled with rubble and
+ houses with cairn mounds outside. Undoubtedly
this settlement is much more depleted and
changed/reconfigured than the western settlement.
I like the idea of piling rubble inside the
houses to close them down. I had expected
the rubble to be a central, circular mound in

* There is certainly more than one shape of 'cairn' - we need to make decisions about variability + pattern in some harder edged definitions
the centre of each house from CTS

description of houses with cairn, but these rubble mounds were often to one side of the house.

This 'pattern' certainly needs explanation.

Tan + friend arrived at lunch time with mock up stones for the terminal area.

They were made of orange boxes - covered in fruit gauze + painted a stone colour -
My initial response is that they look like a pastiche of stone monoliths and somewhat comical.

While malloeking Helen has discovered another stone pit complet with pack.
we now appear to have a stone row terminal along the axis of the stone row with two outliers - a post hole + a standing stone at the same level on other side of the stone row axis. The stone area under (within) the turf off area under context 13 also seems to be a feature - it has charcoal flecks in it - but the stones themselves do not appear to be burnt - it appears to be a dump of some kind other than a hearth.

Henny takes us to see his 'cairn' on the edge of the western

settlement - a well defined little mound - - there appears to have been some digging out of large stones nearby - its difficult to be sure about anything!

38

Towards the late afternoon Milles trench through the floor of Hut 23 is cleaned up ready for our solstice visitors this evening. We now think that we have a cutting sump like feature leading away from the triangular backstone.

The section shows a cut under the 'flag stones' of the sump - - filled with rubble -

When we return to stone terminal trench B + Tan are setting up two of the orange box stones. (with) Helen still working on emptying the new post pit packing. They are somewhat wobbly even when stuffed with expacking stones and need guy ropes to hold them down.

It seems somewhat wrongness to have everyone treading across Helen's trench prior to cleaning up + a post excavation shot.

To the side the spoil heap is being modelled into Rough Tor - complet with stones representing its rocky stacks. Matt + CT work at this + go on completing various of his late photos of the Rough Tor spoil heap - - backed by Rough Tor on the skyline.

B supplies a marvellous picnic etc -
furnished with a table cloth and bright red
plastic knives and forks. Chris, Janet
Mike go back to Larnford for a meal - it's
quite windy + cold. Feel I ought to wait for
Pete Herring + the Cornish people - never mind
the solstice. Pete arrives around 7pm
and we tour the various benches. The
moor stones actually look pretty good from
Hut 39 - and we discuss how dramatic the
Terminal would look if re-erected + what a
marvellous confirmation it is of Pete's original
'find' of the stone row. Pete agrees with
our 'careful' approach to the excavation of the
houses + talks of how Andrew (F)
returned over several seasons to the Holme
Moor houses.

Chris rather tired + worn out with the
project - have a chat on the hill before
leaving site, complete with red tool box to
meet - J, C + m by ford gate by 9.30
pm. The sun is just setting, swirling +
pulsating as it goes down over the hill.
Manage, with my less than perfect sense

39
of direction to walk straight into a bog
rather than the tin-miners cleft in the hill
which I was aiming for. The bog is amazingly
loosely. I have Tamacia tin images of
young down in the bog complete with my red tool
box time capsule. I finally make my way out
and walk as quickly as possible to the ford
in the now fading light. Just as I am
getting to the large stone with fence over it
forming a stile which takes us off the moor to the
parking area - J, C + m (the latter two kept
kept warm with blankets - - appear - -
Back to the camp site. CT appears 30min after me
in the caravan + goes straight to bed - leave
caravan and drink whiskey in Janet's caravan
with Mike + Chris.

Saturday June 22nd 96

Chris appears while I am having breakfast & sits
opposit eating a can of rice pudding with
the jagged lid still prised up.

He takes Charlie to the station - B + Chris have
decided to come up to the site after lunch - Shop
at 10.15 to buy another bottle of whiskey - we seem to be getting through
A small group of us arrive on site - Jane Helen +
Gang for the Stone row trench - Mike + Jill for
Hut 23 + Chris + myself to context / Hut 39.

It is windy again + as a consequence a little
cold. Tony Blackman arrives with a local Stone
wall builder. They discuss whether the
mop (eg of Hut 39) were not symmetrically
pitched to take the load onto the largest
earth/ast Stone + prevent the house walls moving
downhill.

29 30

Saturday May 24 97

Arrived at Tullo's well c. 12 noon in a
conspicuous white vauxhall Astra van with
decrepid bodywork, peeling trim and
Eastbourne Van hire written in conspicuous
Blue down each side. Mike had uttered more
sweet words per minute about vanos
drivers and the vans manoeuvrability
than I reckon could be extracted from
me if a lifetime - 'All archaeologists'
Sweet he said - my street cred was
going fast.

They weren't ready to let us into the
cannons at JW - - so we went to
Westmoor Gate via the Camelford phone
shop + a search for 'real' sunglasses
in the chemist for Mike - ones which
were dark enough for no one to
see your eyes - The chemist at
Trewintfarm kindly phoned a friend
for us to bring a 2-wheel drive
for loading all the equipment.

